

All Chapter Leaders to Zoom Face-to-Face in February

Four regional video conferences will be hosted by PTWW for all Local Officers next month. Invitations will be emailed 1-FEB to those Officers currently listed in the 2021 Chapter Profile on record. Each meeting is a roundtable with introductions and updates on each local chapter's goals, activities, and related membership concerns.

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CENTRAL

SAT 26-FEB

8:00 PM Central

Host Glenn Bottomly
Director-at-Large

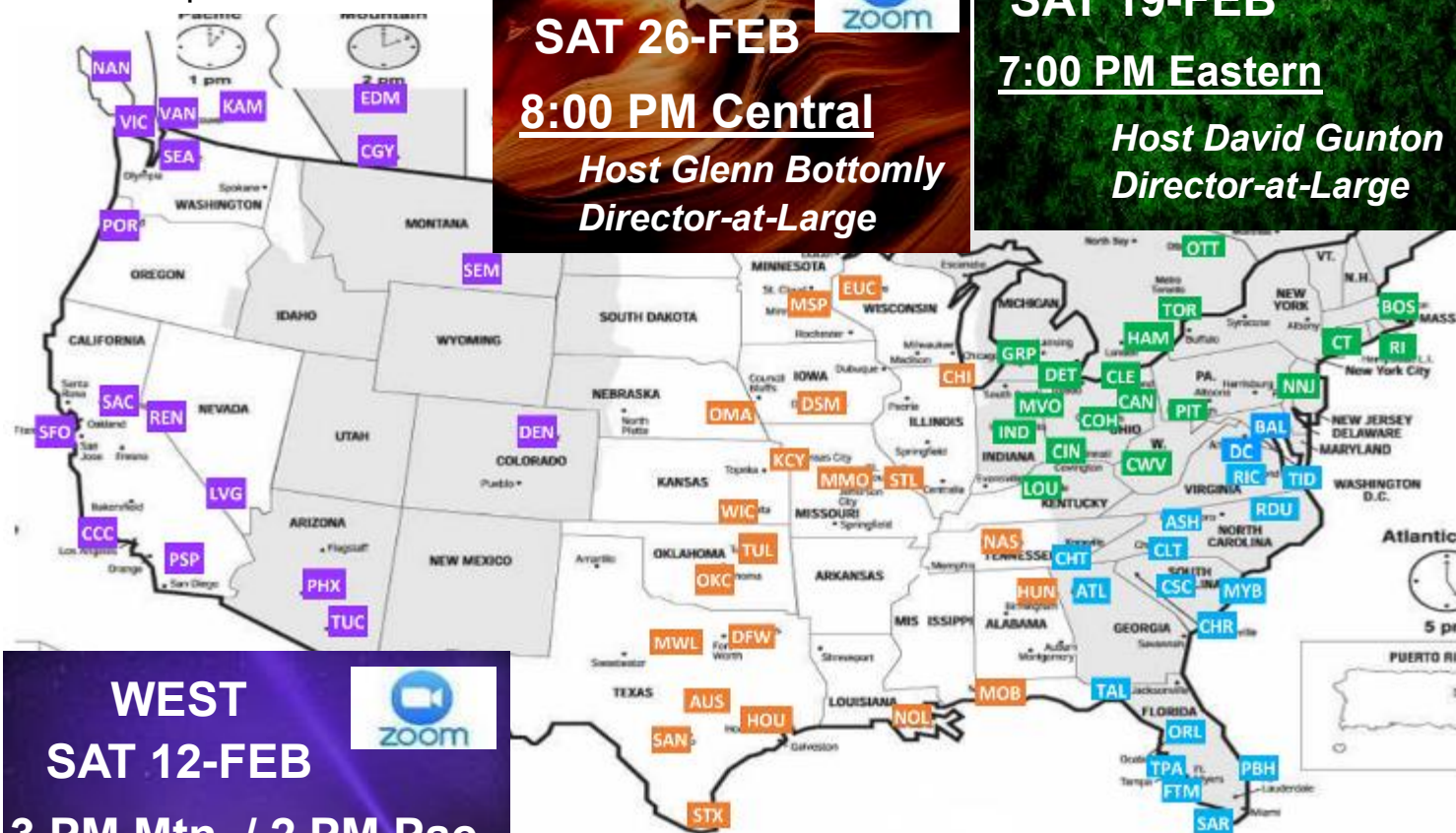


NORTH EAST

SAT 19-FEB

7:00 PM Eastern

Host David Gunton
Director-at-Large



WEST

SAT 12-FEB

3 PM Mtn. / 2 PM Pac.

Host John Rachau,
Director-at-Large



SOUTH EAST

WED 03-FEB

8:00 PM Eastern

Host Everett Rosner
Director-at-Large



We will discuss our new trademark and how to protect the brand with a © symbol, answer chapter visitation questions (see page 4), and present the cloud-based Local Chapter Repository requested during two workshops at the Chattanooga Convention.

'Build Better Chapters' Video Meetings Presented by 2021 Convention Speakers



Here is your chance to attend a video workshop on ways other chapters' experiences can help you to improve social opportunities for your local members.

Connect via Zoom to participate in these presentations. And even if you don't have a home camera, you can simply dial-in to listen. Each of the following video workshop sessions have a 100-man limit, so RSVP now.

Go to <https://theprimetimersww.com/contact-us/> and choose the second option to register. Your meeting invitation will be emailed to you about one week before each session is scheduled to begin.

SAT 19-MAR - 4:00 PM Eastern/1:00 PM Pacific
Building Diverse, Inclusive and Welcoming Chapters

Charles Koehler

THU 14-APR - 8:00 PM Eastern/5:00 PM Pacific
Chapter Membership Workshop

Sam Powell

SAT 14-MAY - 4:00 PM Eastern/1:00 PM Pacific
What to Do When Leadership Changes

David Gunton and Everett Rosner

MON 13-JUN - 8:30 PM Eastern/5:30 PM Pacific
Using Facebook to Recruit and Inform

Errol Waits

President's Note

WOW! We Prime Timers have accomplished a lot of last year. We produced a successful 17th PTWW Biennial Convention, that was hosted by the Chattanooga Chapter with all 250+ attendees and presenters fully vaccinated.

Now an ugly Cloud of Uncertainty is creeping back in, making us think cautiously about in-person socials.

So, I am asking each chapter to consider adding a new video/outdoor activity, if not already scheduled.

- Tailgater picnic - bring your own lunch and lawn chair to a park. Mask and social distance as you are comfortable.
- Video - schedule a FREE Zoom room, a gatekeeper, and guest speakers or games for your chapter.

PTWW leaders on the next page are also available to discuss short-term Local Chapter plans or multi-chapter events for this summer. Email your Director-at-Large with your ideas.

We all look forward to a happier, healthier, and socially safer 2022!

Mark

Highlights of Board Meeting 14-DEC-21

The Board reviewed inputs voiced at the Presidents' Roundtables. Chapter Care issues were prioritized, with a focus on chapters having <20 members, outreach to other gay/bisexual groups,

2022 Chapter Visitation guidelines for both Local Chapters and visiting PTWW representatives.

The Board unanimously approved these leadership appointments through 2023:

and in-person visits by Board members. See page 4 for the

Walt Donges, Treasurer

Glenn Bottomly, Director-at-Large for Central Region

Adrian Liao, Prime Times Newsletter Editor

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In-Person Chapter Visitation Guidelines for 2022 ... 'IF' ...

Pandemic Precautions

With a big "IF" on 14-DEC-2021, PTWW Board Members approved a new policy to enable safe in-person meetings with Local Chapters later this year.



Opening Doors with Vaccinations for Visits

PTWW respects that each Local Chapter has the sole responsibility to determine any policy for its members for vaccinations, masks, and other precautions. You decide what risks are acceptable in your local activities.

PTWW now requires any Board Member or his partner visiting a chapter to be fully vaccinated and boosted, and comply with any additional chapter COVID protocols such as face masks.

In return, any Local Chapter Members coming in contact with the Board Representative must also be fully vaccinated and boosted.

Quality of Visits and Knowledge Exchanges

Each official PTWW visit is casual and is a minimum 2-day, 1-night visit. It includes meeting with the Local Board and a separate social with chapter members.

Please be sure to share any key topics that you would like to cover with your visiting Board Member at least two weeks before his arrival.

If there are specific issues to address, the PTWW visit may take longer to resolve chapter concerns.

Local Chapter vs. PTWW Expense Sharing

PTWW has budgeted for a limited number of travel expenses to get the Board Member onsite, including airfare or driving to visit several chapters in a Prime Times "neighborhood."

Once the PTWW visitor arrives in town, what happens next?

- Please be sure to review the vaccination requirements for the local Chapter Board and members who may be attending meetings and gatherings with your visiting Board Member.
- The Local Chapter will have budgeted to cover meals and local transportation (like a ride from the airport or to a gathering). This would include any chapter meeting meals.
- A Local Chapter should offer hosted housing, if available.
- Given personal considerations, a Board Member may opt to make his own private lodging plans. That expense is not the chapter's responsibility.

How to Request a Chapter Care Visit in 2022

Email the TIME ZONE's Director-at-Large on page 3 and consider your chapter's calendar to encourage more involvement between local members and the visiting PTWW representative.

Prime Timers of Phoenix Annual Fall Picnic

The Annual Fall Picnic on November 18th was a success! Great turnout with 54 in attendance. The Thanksgiving-inspired meal was catered by Dillion's Kansas City BBQ. The guys played cornhole, ball toss games and mixed and mingled for four hours. It was topped off with cake to celebrate our November birthdays. (Photos courtesy of Chris Boal, Mark Willis and Jim Kuzma.)

Daniel Pereira



Asheville Prime Timers 2.0

The Asheville Prime Timers (AVLPT) are back! After an extended period of inertia due to the COVID pandemic and the

passing of our Founder

and

President,

Jerry

Connor, the

Asheville

Prime

Timers are

relaunching in 2022. With a new President, Bill Starnes (former President of the Charlotte chapter) and Vice-President, George O'Neal (former President of the Houston chapter, we have plenty of talent and experience to guide our revitalization.

Asheville is a quirky, bohemian town, with a vibrant LGBTQ community that offers a wide variety of opportunities for gay folks. This provides some challenges as each group attempts to find its niche in our small community. Yet, with every challenge comes many opportunities, and AVLPT will offer a wide range of experiences and social activities to distinguish itself as a major player in our region. With a vibrant new leadership group, a large number of individuals ready to rejoin AVLPT, and many others showing interest looking to re-energize their social life (especially after

the isolation of the pandemic), we are certain to succeed. We have already started work to renew relationships with

the other major LBBTQ-focused groups in our region to develop mutually supportive

strategies for success. We have re-established strong communications with PTWW, secured a meeting venue for regular monthly meetings, are revamping our webpage, now have a dedicated phone number and postal address, and a brand new and cheerful logo!

We officially launched our 2022 Membership Year with a "Holiday Social" event at a local pub. What a surprise (and also very gratifying) to find that our attendance was almost double what we expected! That's certainly a good omen!

Thanks to the greater PTWW community for your help along the way (and help in the future). We will keep you posted on how we are doing!

David Bailey

Treasurer



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**From TriState Prime Timers:
Meeting At The Farm**

Prime Timers Commit to Doing Good Deeds



Photo courtesy of Ken Barnard

A decade ago, members of Prime Timers of Central Florida began bringing personal toiletry items to the club's annual Christmas Dinner for donation to the Hope & Help Center of Central Florida. Hope & Help provides a variety of services to people who are affected by HIV/AIDS in the greater Orlando community.

Under the tenure of current President Ken Barnard, that simple project has evolved into three annual projects collectively known by PTCF members as Good Deeds. The recipients are Hope & Help, Seniors First which provides various services including Meals on Wheels to the elderly, and a toy drive coordinated by the owners of Nick's Family Diner for residents of a children's home in Sanford, Florida.

Sometimes there are other Good Deeds during the year. For example, a couple of times the Orlando chapter members have gone through their closets to weed out gently-worn clothing to give to the thrift shop of the Orlando Union Rescue Mission which helps the homeless or have donated items to Orlando Youth Alli-

ance or Zebra Coalition, groups that work with LGBT youth in metropolitan Orlando.

This year, within the space of 10 days, the club has presented toys to Nick's Family Diner for the Sanford children's home on December 1, \$535 in Publix and Walmart gift cards to Seniors First on December 3, and several large boxes filled with toiletry items to Hope & Help on December 10.

In previous years, Prime Timers donated washcloth and towel sets or blanket throws to Seniors First, depending on what the agency requested for that year. However, last year Seniors First decided to give gift cards to its clients because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Because the cards were well received, Seniors First chose to do gift cards again this year.

The Good Deeds projects are a success for Prime Timers of Central Florida because the members believe that helping others makes the world a better place for all people.



Ron Bush
Secretary

Get-togethers at the Bocce Club

The Bocce Club in Woonsocket was the place for two get-togethers for the Rhode Island Prime Timers. First was the Thanksgiving Party held in November. The meal included Turkey plus roasted potatoes, as well as cranberry sauce, bread and dinner rolls as well as a salad and dessert - a cake with ice cream. A member (Fred) donated the cake in recognition of his birthday. Attendance was great for our small chapter at 20 men.

Then in December, we held our Christmas Party that included music by singer Tony Soares and a Yankee gift swap.



Photo courtesy of the Rhode Island Prime Timers



Steve Kagan

President

Central Coast Celebrates 25 Years



Prime Timers of the Central Coast celebrated their 25th anniversary on Saturday, October 23. The event was hosted by Claude Raffin (pictured on the left holding the cake). Claude is the only founding member still active in the group. We had a record turnout for the event.



Both photos courtesy of Marc Goldman

Marc Goldman

Prime Timers Nanaimo's Holiday Luncheon

For the first time in 2 years we were able to safely hold a member Christmas lunch on Dec. 04, 2021, at a very nice British pub-style restaurant, in the private backroom (of course). It was beautifully decorated for the Holiday Season. On the large wall TV screen, we streamed a slideshow of PTN (Prime Timers Nanaimo) event images over the past 2 years for all to enjoy, although these are all posted on our PTN [website](#) as well. It was a nice event with lots of conversation and was attended by 19 men. (Good for a small Chapter!)

Just prior to the date we received a large package from PTWW. Luckily I, as President, opened the package. In it was the newly issued Chapter Charter certificate, as well as a PTWW Plaque-of-Appeal for one of our Board members, Don Gillett. What a great opportunity to present this to Don at our function. Now, Don is our local Chapter Secretary and Treasurer, as well as our Newsletter Editor, and has been doing these roles for several years. In addition to that he served PTWW as Director-At-Large for District 1, 2019 - 2021. In the top right picture, you will see Don being presented the PTWW Plaque-of-Appeal by the PTN President, Paul Tilroe.

Best wishes to all for 2022!



Indy's Group Dinner



Prime Timers Indianapolis celebrated the end on 2021 with a group dinner on December 29 at Iron Skillet restaurant. Sixteen men were in attendance.



Steve Hamilton

All photos courtesy of
Steve Hamilton

Colorado Celebrates 35 Years



Photo courtesy of Colorado Prime Timers

As the Colorado Prime Timer Chapter moves into 2022, the chapter celebrates its 35th Anniversary.

After serving 17 years as president and a two-year hiatus, Dick Moore returns once again as president of this long standing chapter of Prime Timers.

After surviving the pandemic, we have returned to our weekly Wednesday luncheons at the Golden Corral and invite all members from all chapters to join us from 11:00am to 1pm.

As with all of the chapter functions we request each person attending be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. We want all of our brother Prime Timers to stay safe and healthy.

We look forward to another year full of fun activities and look forward to fellow Prime Timer visitors to Denver.

Dick Moore

President



Resilience and Moving Through Life

The 'virus' is not through with us yet but life has begun to return to normal. I see it as the new normal. People are still being careful and it seems caution may be with us the rest of our lives. So, I pause and ask myself, "Where am I going and how will I know when I get there"? Life is different and there are so many hassles to deal with. One thing is for sure: life is never the same. Perhaps it is the great unknown that keeps us moving forward.

I had a recorded reminder this week of an upcoming doctor appointment. There was a full five minutes of rules and disclaimers before I could finally press "1" to confirm the appointment. Then, on the day of the appointment, they cancelled and did a telephone call instead, in which the doctor simply read me the lab results (which I already had) and said there's no need to see me. However, the doctor insisted in seeing me with new labs in two months. Why?

I attended the opera and had to remove and hand over both my driver's license and Covid vaccination card. The days of simply getting to my seat were delayed and then, sadly, the opera house was only half full. It was sad because it was a wonderful production. Where were the other audience members and why did they choose to miss the performance? Why did the remaining audience members rush for the doors the second it was over, before properly applauding the players? It

couldn't have been for fear or mingling with others because of possibly sharing the virus. No, it was more like 'the Sarasota Shuffle'!

This morning when I attempted to buy a case of Beer at the supermarket, the checker needed me to remove and hand her my driver's license. At 79 I'm not under age. She then took it but was confused as to what to do with it.

Life can be strange like when I find myself downing a 'low sodium' can of V8 Juice and nibbling on Pretzels to get the salt fix. As I move on, I see life, more and more, as a game of Hop Scotch, with me trying to avoid stepping on the lines and never knowing where I will end up. Remember that feeling?

The holidays are upon us and I can't for the life of me think of shopping for presents. Yet, I know that I will move forward and will cook something of a 'mini-feast' for Thanksgiving dinner and do something quite different for Christmas day. Meanwhile I'll attempt moving forward singing "Where Am I Going" from Sweet Charity. Happiest of holidays to all of you, my dear friends in Prime Timers. I continue to sing, "No matter where I run I meet myself there."

Michael Stone

Director Emeritus

Publishing Guidelines

Our priorities focus newsletter content on:

1. **Official communication** from Prime Timers Worldwide Board on administration or topics of interest to all members and Local Chapter leadership teams.
2. **Public Service Announcements** may be published when regional/chapter gathering events are Board approved.
3. **Chapter highlights** on visits or events from local leaders and Directors-at-Large, edited as space allows, with the full content redirected to the website for continuation.
4. **Human interest or feature content** submitted by an individual from a Chapter (including Independent) in good standing may be published as space allows.
5. **Distribution and circulation** every other month is by sending an email to each Local Chapter President/Chair, Vice President/Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Web Guy role currently on record in the Chapter Profile. All recipients are blind-copied to protect personal privacy of e-addresses of all chapter leaders.

New Chapter In 2022?

PTWW has received requests to organize a NEW Chapter near:

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

If you know someone near this area who would be interested in enriching their lives with Prime Timers, email us at: ptww-info@primetimersww.com

Use a free Zoom Room For a Chapter Meeting!



PTWW provides the gatekeeper. Up to 2 hours.

Limit 100 participants.

For more info and scheduling, email us at:

ptww-info@primetimersww.com

Cruise / Land / Travel Opportunities *dates subject to change*

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Year	Departs	Destination	Contact	Telephone
2022	20-FEB	<u>Southern Caribbean cruise</u>	Ron Camp	614.581.2700
2022	3-MAR	<u>Athens-to-Rome cruise</u>	Michael Stone	941.359.8212
2022	31-JUL	<u>Northern Europe cruise</u>	Ron Camp	614.581.2700
2022	5-NOV	<u>Western Caribbean/Tampa</u>	Michael Stone	941.359.8212